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December 4, 1969

TO: Secretary Rogers
FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

The following message was just received from Ambassador

Bunker:

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BUNKER

REF: WH93049

1. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED
REFTEL AND WILL FOLLOW UP AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. MY ASSESSMENT
OF BOTH DON'S AND MINH'S GAMBITS IS THAT THEY HAVE PRETTY WELL
FIZZLED OUT AND LEFT BOTH OF THEM IN A RATHER EMBARRASSING POSITION.
THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL NOT TRY AGAIN SHOULD
THEY BELIEVE CIRCUMSTANCES PROPITIOUS. IT IS, THEREFORE, HIGHLY
DESIRABLE THAT THEY SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AS TO WHERE WE
STAND.

2. KY ALSO PERIODICALLY GIVES VENT TO HIS FEELINGS OF FRUSTRATION.
IT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO CONVEY THE SAME THOUGHTS TO HIM.

3. I SHOULD ADD THAT I HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR, BOTH IN
POLITICAL AND MILITARY CIRCLES, THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT
COUNTEenance ANY COUP EFFORTS, AND THAT AN EFFORT TO MOUNT ONE
WOULD BE THE SUREST WAY TO LOSE OUR SUPPORT.

/S/ BUNKER.

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